House Resolution No. 68

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge the dedicated service of Show-Me State residents who have admirably sought to ensure that the constitutional duties of the Missouri Legislature are carried out in the effective and efficient manner mandated by the public; and

Whereas, James A. Russ joined the staff of the Redistricting Office of House Research on August 1, 2000, as a Geographic Information Specialist; and

Whereas, during his brief tenure with the Redistricting Office, James Russ supported the House Committee on Redistricting and the general House membership with their constitutionally defined responsibilities to redraw Congressional Districts to take into account the population changes which were discovered and illustrated by the statistics developed from the 2000 Census; and

Whereas, in his important capacity as a Geographic Information Specialist, James Russ prepared maps, constructed plans, and analyzed population and election data for the concerted effort needed to accurately and fairly redefine Congressional and Legislative Districts; and

Whereas, thanks in large measure to the work ethic and high personal standards of James Russ, the Congressional and Legislative redistricting process proceeded at a smooth, rapid pace in order to pave the way for the approaching set of elections statewide; and

Whereas, James Russ is leaving his post with the Redistricting Office of House Research in order to accept a position with the Department of Economic Development of the City of Sacramento, California:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exemplary labors, proficient skills, and wide-ranging knowledge of James Russ and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest commendation for his assistance in preparing redrawn Congressional and Legislative Districts for the state of Missouri and our sincerest best wishes as he shifts the focus of his work to the Department of Economic Development of the City of Sacramento, California; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the state governmental service so skillfully provided by James A. Russ.

Offered by _______ Representative Joseph L. Treadway District No. 96

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,

Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 68, adopted January 21, 2002.